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Drinking-water supply to Cochin.

* 207 *Q*.—Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Cochin Municipality applied to the Government for a grant of a loan for the construction of a separate pipe line for drinking water from Thoppumpati at Mattancherry?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The answer is in the affirmative."

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" May I know, whether the Sanitary Engineer to the Government of Madras visited the place and has submitted a report to the Government and whether the Government have considered the question of granting a loan to the municipality, and if so what is the amount? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" The Sanitary Engineer has inspected the existing water-supply scheme and he has suggested another scheme. The proposals in regard to this scheme have been sent to the Travancore-Cochin Government and their concurrence is expected."

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" May I inform the Hon. Minister that even though there is an agreement with the Travancore-Cochin Government, for the present only three thousand gallons of water are supplied in the place where there are more than 30,000 people living?"

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already said that a different scheme is being thought of to provide more adequate supply of water. The proposals have been sent to the Travancore-Cochin Government and the concurrence of that Government is awaited."

Allegations against the Rationing Officer, Malabar district.

* 208 *Q*.—Sri T. VISWANATHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a petition, dated 15th August 1952 from Sri C. P. K. Kurup of Vellaicode amsam in Malabar district making certain allegations against the Rationing Officer for having sold 25 bags of rice in blackmarket ; and

(*b*) if so, whether the offence was investigated and with what result?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) The question does not arise."

Site for a cancer hospital at Madras.

* 209 *Q*.—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Madras State Women's Cancer Relief Committee applied to the Government of Madras for the grant of a site for the founding of a Cancer Hospital within Madras City limits ;